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AUTHORIZING THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY TO CONVEY CERTAIN ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENTS TO THE STATE OF TENNESSEE

AUGUST 2 (legislative day, AUGUST 1), 1951.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. MCCLELLAN, from the Committee on Public Works, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 1710]

The Committee on Public Works, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1710) to authorize the Secretary of the Army to convey certain road right-of-way easements in De Kalb and Putnam Counties, Tenn., to the State of Tennessee, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

The bill would authorize the Secretary of the Army to convey to the State of Tennessee, without reimbursement, right-of-way easements over privately owned lands which were acquired for an access road between Silver Point, Tenn., and the Center Hill Dam site. The distance covered is 7.5 miles, and consists of 57 assignable easements comprising 78.79 acres.

The construction of the Center Hill Dam is nearing completion, and the road will now be used largely by the general public visiting the dam and reservoir. Maintenance of the road requires an annual expenditure of approximately $5,000, and it also must be resurfaced at an estimated cost of $35,000. The State of Tennessee has agreed to accept transfer of the road, to resurface it, maintain it, and to incorporate it into its public highway system.

The committee considers this conveyance to be in the best interests of the Government.

The comments of the Bureau of the Budget and the Department of the Army are contained in the following communications:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,
BUREAU OF THE BUDGET,
Washington 25, D. C., July 16, 1951.

Hon. DENNIS CHAVEZ,
Chairman, Senate Committee on Public Works,
Senate Office Building, Washington 25, D. C.

MY DEAR SENATOR CHAVEZ: This will acknowledge your letter of June 21, 1951, requesting the comments of the Bureau of the Budget on S. 1710, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Army to convey certain road right-of-way easements in De Kalb and Putnam Counties, Tenn., to the State of Tennessee.

This bill would authorize the Army to convey to the State of Tennessee without reimbursement certain road right-of-way easements in that State.

As you know, S. 1710 is a part of the 1951 legislative program of the Department of Defense. Its presentation to the Congress was concurred in by this office on the basis of the facts and circumstances which are outlined in supporting material which, it is understood, has been furnished directly to your committee.

Accordingly, for the reasons contained in the above-mentioned supporting material, the Bureau of the Budegt recommends that S. 1710 be enacted into law.

Sincerely yours,

F. J. LAWTON, *Director.*

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE,
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE,
Washington 25, D. C., June 13, 1951.

Hon. RICHARD B. RUSSELL,
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services,
United States Senate.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: There is forwarded herewith a draft of legislation to authorize the Secretary of the Army to convey certain road right-of-way easements in De Kalb and Putnam Counties, Tenn., to the State of Tennessee.

This proposal is a part of the Department of Defense legislative program for 1951 and has been approved by the Bureau of the Budget. The Department of Defense recommends that it be enacted by the Congress.

Purpose of the legislation: The purpose of the proposed legislation is to authorize the Secretary of the Army to convey to the State of Tennessee 57 assignable easements over privately owned lands for a distance of approximately 7.5 miles. The land covered by these easements comprises approximately 78.79 acres. The easements were acquired for an access road between Silver Point, Tenn., and the Center Hill Dam site. Maintenance of this road requires an annual expenditure of approximately $5,000. In addition to the annual expenditure for upkeep, the road now must be resurfaced with black topping which, it is estimated, will cost $35,000. The State of Tennessee has agreed to accept transfer of the road to black top it, and to incorporate it into its public highway system. Conveyance of the road is considered to be in the best interests of the Government.

Legislative reference: None.

Cost and budget data: Enactment of this measure will save the Government approximately $5,000 in annual maintenance and $35,000 for the improvement described above.

Department of Defense action agency: The Department of the Army has been designated as the representative of the Department of Defense for this legislation.

Sincerely,

DANIEL K. EDWARDS.

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